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**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 70845-91804971@requests.muckrock.com**

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**Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2019-FEFO-00680**

Dear Ms. Lipton:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated March 22, 2019 and received in this office on June 27, 2019. You are seeking materials related to the funding, staffing, and activities of the FOIA office for 2017-2019.

In your original request, you stated the following:

*"According to this agency's "About Us" website (<https://www.doi.gov/foia/About-Us>): "The Department has decentralized its FOIA operations among 13 bureaus and offices, each of which has a Bureau/Office FOIA Officer leading its separately managed and resourced FOIA Program. Secretarial Order 3244 (November 12, 2002) anchored Bureau/Office FOIA Offices within their respective CIOs' Offices. That order was superseded by Secretarial Order 3309 (December 14, 2010), which replaced Bureau/Office CIOs with Assistant Directors for Information Resources and initiated a series of significant ongoing organizational changes as part of the Department's IT Transformation.*

*Bureau/office FOIA Officers are responsible for tracking, managing and responding to FOIA requests for records in their organization's possession and control, and administering their organization's FOIA programs. In addition to Bureau/Office FOIA Officers, some bureaus/offices also have Regional FOIA Coordinators and Field Offices that process requests. Some bureaus/offices have their program offices (i.e., the offices whose records are the subject of the requests) prepare the responses to FOIA requests. These responses are reviewed by the FOIA Officer or Regional FOIA Coordinator and the appropriate FOIA attorney (when the decision is to withhold information, make a discretionary release, or deny a fee waiver)."*

The website link and agency described appears to be the Department of the Interior. FEMA does not fall under their purview and does not have access to their records. Accordingly, we are administratively closing this request without prejudice.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact us and refer to FOIA case number **2019-FEFO-00680**. You may send an e-mail to [fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov), call (202) 646-3323, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory Bridges". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" and last name "Bridges" clearly distinguishable.

Gregory Bridges  
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